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CONTAINING ASSAY SAMPLES OF SPECIFIC  
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Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claims 18-25, WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Remarks

This communication is in response to the Office Action, mailed October 8, 2002 in the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-26 currently are pending. In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted Applicants' invention to one of two designated groups, namely, the invention of Group I (claims 1-17 and 26, drawn to a method for decreasing interferences which result in inaccurate readings comprising adding an effective amount of a large polycation to serum) and Group II (claims 18-25, drawn to a kit comprising a large polycation). Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.



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